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OPERATION STREETSWEEPER

QUEEN CITY CRACK DEALER SENTENCED TO 15 MONTHS IN PRISON

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announced today that U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DeClerico, Jr., sentenced Lloyd J. Coleman to fifteen months imprisonment for distributing crack cocaine.

Coleman, age 38, had previously pleaded guilty to selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer from his Manchester home on three occasions in July 2004. Judge DeClerico ordered that Coleman serve three years of supervised release after his completing his term imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono applauded the efforts of the Manchester Police Department and the Attorney General's Drug Task Force, stating, "The Special Investigations Unit of the Manchester Police Department and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force have a long history of investigating and seeking prosecution of complex drug networks in and around Manchester. They understand and recognize that street level dealers, if left unchecked, pose a real threat to the community. This Operation Streetsweeper case, and many more similar cases, demonstrates that law enforcement within the state are dedicated to the investigation of drug trafficking on all levels, both large and small, in an effort to eradicate drugs from New Hampshire."

This matter was investigated by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Manchester Police Department as part of Operation Streetsweeper, a federal program administered by the United States Attorney's Office to reduce street-level drug distribution in New Hampshire's larger cities. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Morse prosecuted the case.